

carefully considered the applied reference and the Examiner's comments with respect thereto, and believe the claims currently in the case patentably distinguish over the reference and are allowable in their present form. Reconsideration of the rejection is, accordingly, respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following comments.

5 Claim 1-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,446,871 to Buckley et al. ("Buckley" hereafter).

 Regarding independent claim 1, as amended, Applicants submit that Buckley does not disclose an electronic reading device system that includes an electronic reading device for use with a formatted surface having an address pattern thereon, wherein positions of the electronic reading
10 device relative to the formatted surface are determined based on the detected portions of the address pattern, and a separate electronic device that includes a display screen for displaying feedback relating to the detected portions of the address pattern. Instead, Buckley discloses, in one embodiment, a system in which a bar code is provided on a sheet of paper. A bar code reader in an instrument such as a pen reads the bar code and transmits the code to a computer to permit
15 information to be retrieved. The code can, for example, identify an Internet address from which desired information may be obtained. In an alternative embodiment, Buckley discloses an electronic pen capable of reading characters instead of a bar code (see Buckley, col. 11, lines 38-44).

 Buckley does not, however, disclose or suggest a system in which an electronic reading
20 device is used with a formatted surface having an address pattern in which positions of the

electronic reading device are determined based on the detected portions of the address pattern.

Buckley does not disclose a formatted surface having an address pattern. The bar code provides information such as an Internet address to a computer but does not provide address information regarding the position of an electronic reading device relative to a formatted surface.

5 Furthermore, the bar code in Buckley does not comprise a detected portion of an address pattern on a surface. Also, Buckley does not disclose a separate electronic device having a display screen for displaying feedback relating to detected portions of an address pattern. A display on the computer in Buckley would display information, for example, on a web site identified by the bar code, but not feedback relating to detected portions of an address pattern on a formatted surface.

10 For all the above reasons, independent claim 1 is not anticipated by Buckley and should be allowable thereover in its present form.

Independent claim 15 is also not anticipated by Buckley for substantially the same reasons as discussed above with respect to claim 1, and should also be allowable in its present form.

15 Applicants further submit that many of the features recited in the dependent claims are not taught or suggested by Buckley. For example, claim 5 recites that the formatted surface includes an area for requesting a display of feedback, and that the feedback is displayed in response to detection of a portion of the address pattern in that area by the electronic reading device. In other words, feedback is displayed when the electronic reading device detects a portion within a particular area of the address pattern. On the other hand, Buckley teaches that when a bar code is
20 scanned, a program is run (browser) which retrieves the URL's associated with the scanned bar

code (see Buckley col. 11, lines 6-17). The bar code does not provide a means to request that feedback be displayed, but instead merely provides a link to the content to be displayed. Also, the bar code in Buckley cannot be construed as an area of a formatted surface, certainly not an area of a formatted surface that has an address pattern thereon.

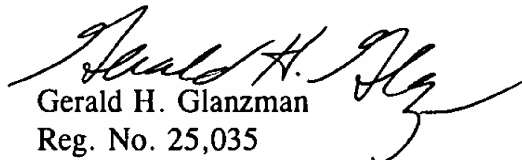
5 Dependent claims 13 and 16 are also not taught or suggested by Buckley inasmuch as Buckley does not disclose that detected portions of an address pattern (e. g., the bar codes) correspond to a specific application with the feedback associated with the specific application. Instead, Buckley only discloses that a bar code contains a link to information.

10 In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe claims 1-21 patentably distinguish over the reference and are allowable in their present form; and it is respectfully requested that the Examiner so find and issue a Notice of Allowance in due course.

For the convenience of the Examiner, a marked-up copy of the amended claims is attached as EXHIBIT A, and a clean copy of all the claims in the case is attached as EXHIBIT B.

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EXHIBIT A MARKED-UP VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS

1 1. (Amended) An electronic reading device system, comprising:

2 an electronic reading device for use with a formatted surface having an address
3 pattern thereon, the electronic reading device including a sensor for detecting portions of [an] the
4 address pattern, wherein positions of the electronic reading device relative to the [on a] formatted
5 surface are determined based on the detected portions of the address pattern; and

6 a separate electronic device that includes a display screen for displaying feedback
7 relating to the detected portions of the address pattern.

1 15. (Amended) A method for providing electronic reading device feedback, comprising:

2 detecting portions of an address pattern on a formatted surface with an electronic
3 reading device, wherein positions of the electronic reading device relative to the formatted surface
4 are determined based on the detected portions of the address pattern;

5 sending information relating to the detected portions of the address pattern to an
6 electronic display device;

7 [connecting] converting said information into feedback relating to the detected
8 portions of the address pattern; and

9 displaying said feedback relating to the detected portions of the address pattern on
10 the electronic display device.